

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 629

By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Tim Sloan on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tim Sloan is one such estimable person who has served with probity for forty years with the Union Planters Bank, which was formerly known as the First State Bank of Covington; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Reverend and Mrs. Paul Earl Sloan, Tim is a lifelong resident of Covington and graduate of Byars-Hall High School. He attended Southwestern (currently known as Rhodes College) in Memphis and graduated from the Louisiana State University School of Banking; this exemplary education allowed him to make his mark in Covington and West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the legendary Mr. Oney Naifeh encouraged Tim to seek employment at the bank while Tim was already employed at Hyde Park Mills in Covington; and

WHEREAS, Tim Sloan, a man of insight and courage, was hired at a very low, weekly salary to work for the bank; his mother was upset with "Mr. Oney" for encouraging Tim to come

to the bank, because she did not think he had a future there, but she was wrong, as the future was very bright, indeed, for Mr. Sloan; and

WHEREAS, he began his distinguished tenure at the bank in 1960 as a Bookkeeper; he has been a director since 1968. Since beginning employment at Covington's First State Bank, which eventually became the Union Planters Bank, Mr. Sloan has served in numerous capacities, including meritorious service as a teller, bookkeeper, cashier, loan officer, trust officer, and most recently as chairman of the board and chief executive officer; and

WHEREAS, Tim Sloan is an active and important part of the community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations; he is a Mason and a Shriner, and he has previously rendered astute service as the president of the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce, the president of the Covington Rotary Club, and the chairman of the Tipton County Indigency Board; and

WHEREAS, he is also a member of the Tipton County Historical Society, and has lent his support to placing the Ruffin Theatre and the South Main Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, a past president of the Memphis Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Mr. Sloan also contributed his time and numerous talents to the Tipton County Bicentennial of the United States Constitution and served as chairman of that august event. He is also a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Tennessee 2000 Educational Task Force for Tipton County and is a charter member of the South Tipton Business Club; and

WHEREAS, a former Covington alderman, Mr. Sloan also served a term on the Tipton County Commission; he astutely served as Chairman Pro Tempore of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to love and serve the Lord, Mr. Sloan is an active member of the St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, where he serves in various capacities, including faithful service as a member of the vestry and as the church treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Tim Sloan exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Tim Sloan has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Tim Sloan, of Covington, our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.